Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: കോയമ്പത്തൂർ പുകയിലയ്ക്കു അതേ റേറ്റ് തന്നെയാണ് ഇരിക്കുന്നതു്. ജാഫ്നാ പുകയിലയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇപ്പോഴും കുറച്ചലാണ്.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Is it a fact that a few *Mel-labham* licensees are alone given licenses to import the Jaffna tobacco and thus they enjoy a monopoly over it ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Licenses are given in accordance with the Tobacco Act and rules passed thereunder.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: If these licenses can be issued to all those who desire to carry on the importation of Jaffna tobacco, will the Government be able to bring down the price of that variety of tobacco ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: There is a maximum quantity beyond which Jaffna tobacco could not be imported into Travancore ?

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Yes. Even for the importation of that limited quantity, could not competition be encouraged and the prices brought down ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: Under the rules, separate rooms have to be provided in the Tobacco Bankshalls, for the wholesale licensees. It may not be worth while to give licenses to more people for other reasons also and for other difficulties that might arise.

Research in the Agricultural and Industrial Departments.

34. ***Mr. K. K Kuruvilla** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be plased to state :

(*a*) how far the results of research in the Agricultural and Industrial departments have been made use of by the ryots in the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative will they be pleased to state why ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) The Department of Industries is concerned only with researches on industries and industrial problems, which are in their very nature not of much use to the ryots. The results of the researches carried on by the Agricultural Department have been translated into actual practice by the ryots in the State in so far as they relate to ;

(1) reclamation of alkaline and kari soils ;
(2) selection of better strains of paddy and other crops which are high yielding and disease resistant ;
(3) conversion of dry leaves and other organic material into rich and valuable compost manures ;

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(4) applications of chemical manures to crops ; and
(5) control of crop pests by suitable measures.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how many acres of alkaline and kari soil lands have been reclaimed ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : About five to six thousand acres in South Travancore.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how many people actually got better strains of paddy and were able to apply chemical manure to their lands ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : With regard to the selection of better strains of paddy, I may say that a very large number of cultivators are using these improved strains in the paddy lands of South Travancore.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know the acreage ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : There are over two thousand acres where these seeds are now used.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know who are using them ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : It is not possible to give the names of the people who use them. The acreage is about two to three thousand.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know how far the waste materials in the tank beds and other composite manures are used by the ryots ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : With regard to this, I may state that artificial manure to the value of about a lakh of rupees is being purchased by the Travancore ryots every year. Compost making is being carried on in almost every household.

Transfers in the Anchal Department.

35. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla :** Will the Government be pleased to give a list of the names of those in the superior service of the Anchal Department who were transferred more than three times in 1114 and to state how many among those were given travelling allowance ?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai (*Secretary to Government*) : Only one person, namely, J. Yohannan, clerk, Adoor, was transferred more than three times in 1114.

He was not given travelling allowance.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : May I know why he was not given travelling allowance?

Mr. V. R. Sankaranarayana Pillai: Transfers were due more to his faults.

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